1.1.1. Introduction to Data

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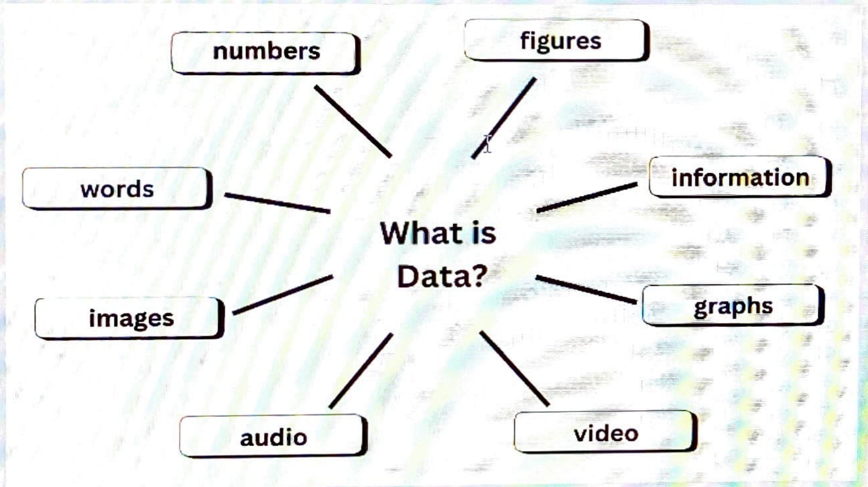
What is Data?

Data is a fundamental concept in the field of information technology and computer science. It refers to raw facts and figures, such as numbers, words, images, and sounds, that are collected, processed, and stored for various purposes. Data forms the basis of all information, and its effective management is crucial in modern computing.



General Characteristics of Data

Data exhibits several general characteristics:

1. Representation:

- Data can be represented in various forms, such as text, numbers, images, or multimedia.

- [ ] The retailer processes thousands of orders per second during a holiday sale, requiring real-time updates to inventory.
- [x] Duplicate customer accounts are created due to slightly different spellings of names, increasing storage requirements.
- [x] Inaccurate delivery addresses entered by customers result in failed deliveries and dissatisfied customers.
- [ ] Personalized product recommendations are generated using customer purchase history to improve sales.

1.1.2. Introduction to File Systems

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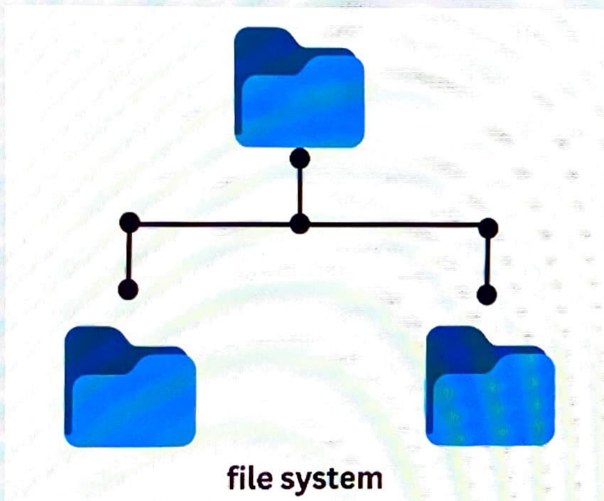
Data Management with File Systems

Before the advent of databases, data management primarily relied on file systems. In this approach:

- **Data Organization**: Data was stored in files and directories, organized using a hierarchical structure.
- **Data Retrieval**: Retrieving specific data required navigating through directories and opening files manually.



Challenges of Storing and Handling Data using File Systems

Using file systems for data management posed several challenges:

- **Data Redundancy**: The same data could be duplicated in multiple files, leading to redundancy and wasted storage space.

- [x] The HR department can retrieve all employee salary details from a single table without accessing individual files.
- [ ] Employee performance evaluations are stored in multiple files, requiring manual updates when evaluations are revised.
- [ ] Salary details are inadvertently accessed by unauthorized employees due to a lack of proper access controls.
- [ ] An employee's personal details (e.g., address) are updated in one file but remain outdated in other related files.

What is a Database?

- A database is a system that stores and organizes data so it can be easily accessed, managed, and updated. It's like a digital filing cabinet for all types of information.
- Think of a library. The books are stored in an organized manner with labels and categories, making it easy to find and borrow books. Similarly, a database organizes data so it can be quickly found and used.

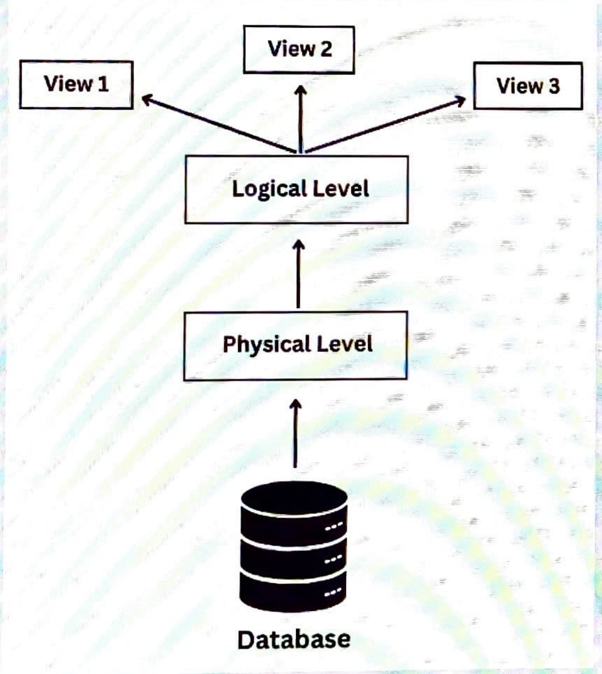
Key Features of a Database:

1. **Structured Data**: Databases organize data in tables (like a spreadsheet), making it easy to understand and manage.
   a. **Example**: A customer database might have separate columns for name, phone number, and email.
2. **Relationships Between Data**: You can link different pieces of data.
   b. **Example**: In an online store, the customer data can be linked to their orders, showing which customer made which purchase.
3. **Data Integrity**: Databases keep data accurate and consistent.
   c. **Example**: A database ensures you can't accidentally create two records for the same customer

- [ ] It stores customer information in multiple places to avoid errors.
- [ ] It prevents the team from accessing customer data to avoid mistakes.
- [x] It automatically updates the customer's new address in all related records (orders, shipping, payments).
- [ ] It requires manual updates for each part of the system, just like the current method.

Data Abstraction simplifies complex data by focusing on what data is stored and what operations can be performed, rather than how they are implemented. It hides the internal details and presents a high-level view of data, making it easier to manage and understand.

Levels of Data Abstraction



1. **Physical Level:** Describes how data is stored on devices, including storage methods and data structures.
   - **Example**: How data is saved on a hard drive using binary formats.

- [ ] Logical Level
- [ ] Data Modeling Level
- [ ] View Level
- [x] Physical Level

1.1.5. A Simple Example to Understand Levels of Abstraction

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To gain a deeper understanding of the concept of levels of abstraction, let's explore a practical example related to an online e-commerce shopping system.

Imagine you are tasked with developing an e-commerce platform where customers can browse products, add items to their cart, place orders, and make payments. Let's break down the levels of abstraction in this e-commerce system:

Physical Level (How data is stored and processed):

This is the **behind-the-scenes** layer where raw data is stored and processed.

- **What happens here?**
    a. Product details, customer information, and order history are stored in databases located on servers or cloud systems.
    b. Payment processing, inventory updates, and order fulfillment tasks are performed using physical hardware and storage.
- **Key Example:** Imagine the product database is stored in Amazon Web Services (AWS), and payment processing is handled securely by a payment gateway like Stripe or PayPal.
- **Why is this important?**
    a. It ensures that all data is stored securely, retrieved efficiently, and remains available for operations like browsing or placing orders.

Logical Level (How data is organized and related):

This level defines what data exists, its structure, and how it relates to other data.

- **What happens here?**
    a. Key entities like Products, Customers, Orders, Payments, and Inventory are defined.
    b. Each entity has attributes:
        i. **Products:** Name, Price, Stock Quantity

- [x] The physical level focuses on data storage and processing.
- [x] The logical level defines data structure and relationships.
- [x] The view level provides customized interfaces for different users.
- [ ] The physical level abstracts away user interactions.
- [ ] The logical level primarily deals with inventory management.

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1.1.6. What is a Database Management System?

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Database Management System (DBMS)

A Database Management System (DBMS) is software that manages and organizes data, allowing users to store, retrieve, and manipulate it efficiently. It acts as an intermediary between users/applications and the database, ensuring smooth, secure, and efficient data interaction.

Key Components of a DBMS

1. **Database**: The structured collection of data organized for easy access (e.g., customer details in tables).
2. **DBMS Software**: The system managing data storage, queries, and integrity.
3. **Data Schema**: The blueprint defining the database structure, like tables and relationships.
4. **Users**: Includes administrators, developers, and end-users who interact with the DBMS.
5. **Procedures**: Guidelines for operations, such as backups and recovery.

Core Functions of a DBMS

1. **Data Storage & Retrieval**: Efficiently saves and retrieves information (e.g., fetching a customer's order history).
2. **Data Manipulation**: Supports adding, updating, or deleting records.
3. **Transaction Management**: Ensures reliable operations with ACID principles (Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability).
4. **Security**: Controls access with role-based permissions.
5. **Concurrency**: Manages multiple users working simultaneously without conflicts.
6. **Backup & Recovery**: Protects data from loss and restores it when needed.
7. **Integrity**: Enforces rules to maintain data accuracy and consistency.

A DBMS is crucial for efficient, secure, and reliable data management. It simplifies data

- [ ] Data Storage & Retrieval
- [x] Concurrency
- [ ] Backup & Recovery
- [ ] Transaction Management

1.1.7. Select the correct answer

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You're designing a database for a large retail chain. Store managers should only view sales data for their specific stores, while the company's headquarters should have access to sales data from all stores. To implement this effectively, you need to ensure that users can interact with the database based on their roles.

Which level of data abstraction allows store managers to view only their relevant sales data while providing comprehensive access to the headquarters?

- ○ Physical Level
- ○ Logical Level
- ● View Level
- ○ Data Encapsulation

1.1.8. Select the correct answer 00:08

You're managing a database for an e-commerce platform during a major sale event. Thousands of customers are placing orders simultaneously. A situation arises where two customers try to purchase the last item of a particular product at the same time, and both transactions are processed.

Which core function of a DBMS can prevent such conflicts by ensuring that only one transaction is completed for the last item?

- ○ Data Manipulation
- ○ Security
- ● Concurrency
- ○ Backup & Recovery

1.1.9. Video Streaming Platforms

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What characteristic of data is highlighted by video streaming platforms that generate massive amounts of data daily?

- (•) Volume
- ( ) Veracity
- ( ) Variability
- ( ) Value

1.1.10. Select the correct answer

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Imagine you're managing an online store. A customer contacts support, stating they recently updated their shipping address but their latest order was still sent to the old address. You investigate and find the data wasn't properly updated in all systems.

Which key feature of a database could have prevented this issue by ensuring the customer's updated address was reflected consistently across all linked systems?

- ○ Structured Data
- ○ Relationships Between Data
- ◉ Data Integrity
- ○ Security

1.2.1. Key Components of DBMS

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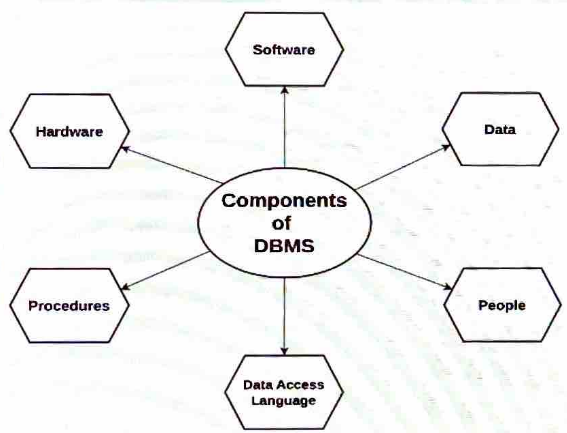
Overview of DBMS Components

A Database Management System (DBMS) is a sophisticated software suite that facilitates the creation, management, and use of databases. It acts as an intermediary between users and databases, ensuring secure, efficient storage, retrieval, and manipulation of data.

Let's delve into the key components of a DBMS and explore how they function together to create a robust system.



1. Hardware: The Physical Backbone of a DBMS

The hardware is the physical equipment that supports the DBMS, including the machines and devices needed to store and process data.

- **Key Components:**
  a. **Storage Devices:** These store data permanently (e.g., SSDs, HDDs).
  b. **Servers:** These manage data processing and allow multiple users to access the database at the same time

- [ ] Database Engine
- [ ] Query Processor
- [ ] Middleware
- [x] Backup Power Systems

1.2.2. Key Components of DBMS - 2

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4. Procedures: Operational Guidelines
Procedures are the rules and instructions that help manage and maintain the DBMS, ensuring everything works correctly and securely.

- **Key Procedures:**
  a. **Administrative Procedures:** Tasks like backup, security, and auditing.
  b. **Operational Procedures:** Daily tasks like data entry, performance monitoring, and optimising system performance.

These procedures ensure the database remains consistent, secure, and easy to manage.

5. Database Access Language: User Communication
This is the language used by users and applications to interact with the DBMS. The most common language is SQL.

- **Types of SQL Commands:**
  a. **DDL (Data Definition Language):** Defines and modifies the database structure (e.g., CREATE, ALTER).
  b. **DML (Data Manipulation Language):** Manages the data within the database (e.g., INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE).

SQL translates user requests into actions the DBMS can perform, like retrieving or updating data.

6. People: Users and Administrators
People play vital roles in the DBMS by interacting with the system and ensuring it runs effectively.

- **Key Roles:**
  a. **Database Administrators (DBAs):** Manage and maintain the database, ensuring it operates smoothly.
  b. **Software Developers:** Build applications that interact with the DBMS.
  c. **End Users:** Use the DBMS through applications to enter, retrieve, and process

- [x] Running regular backups and securing the database
- [x] Using SQL commands to retrieve or update data
- [x] End users entering and processing data through applications
- [ ] Ignoring database performance monitoring to save resources
- [x] Database administrators (DBAs) managing and maintaining the database

1.2.3. Classification of Users in a Database Environment

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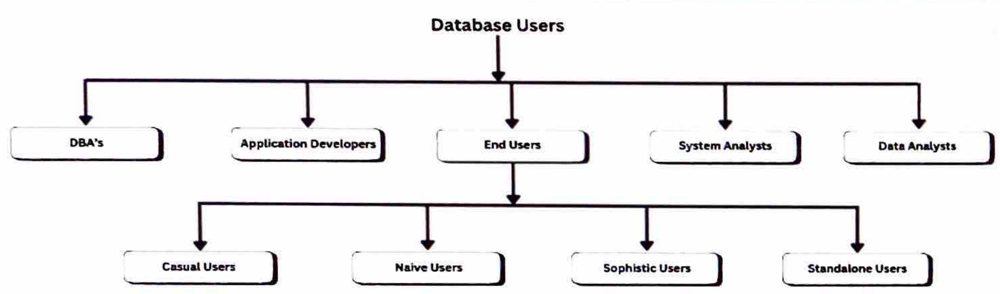
The classification of users in a database environment is based on their level of interaction with the system and the functions they perform. Below is a summary of these roles:



Database Administrators (DBAs):

- Responsible for overall database management, ensuring data integrity, setting up the system, and handling backups and user access configurations.

Application Developers:

- Create software that interacts with the database, writing code to query or update the database based on user inputs.

End Users:

Individuals interacting with databases through front-end applications. They are further categorised into:

- **Casual Users:** Use the system occasionally via pre-built applications.
- **Naive or Parametric Users:** Regularly perform predefined tasks using simple database operations

- [x] Database Administrator (DBA)
- [ ] Application Developer
- [ ] System Analyst
- [ ] Data Scientist

1.2.4. Select the correct answer 00:03

A hospital uses a DBMS to store patient records, including structured data like medical history and unstructured data like X-ray images. During a system upgrade, the hospital IT team needs to ensure that the DBMS recognises and properly manages both types of data.

Which DBMS component is responsible for understanding the structure of data and managing its organisation, including both structured and unstructured data?

- ( ) Hardware
- ( ) Software
- (•) Metadata
- ( ) Middleware

1.3.1. Applications of DBMS

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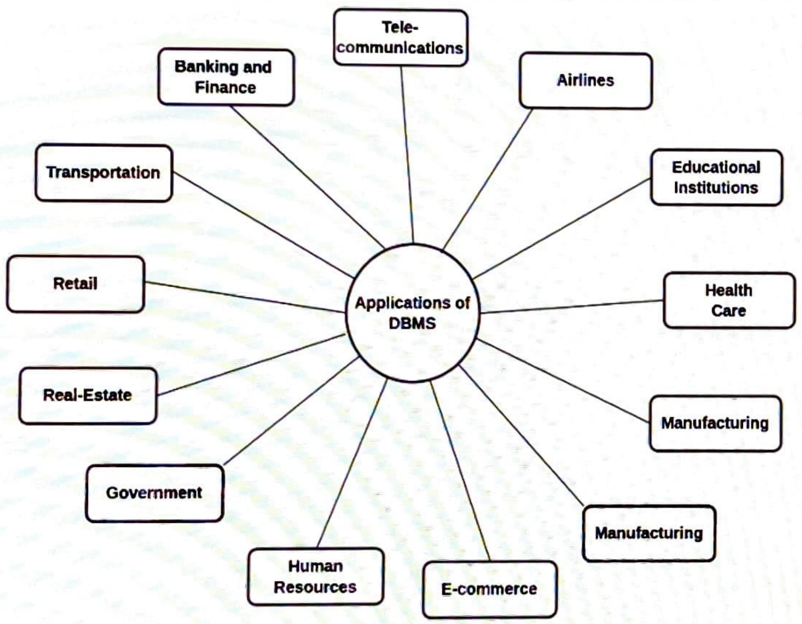
A Database Management System (DBMS) is an essential part of modern computing environments, serving as the backbone for data storage, retrieval, and management across various industries. Here's an elaborate exploration of its applications and uses:



1. **Banking and Finance**: Database management systems are pivotal in the banking sector for managing customer data, accounts, loans, and banking transactions. They ensure secure and consistent transactions, facilitate query processing for customer service, and support financial operations like credit card transactions, mortgages, and investment services.

2. **Telecommunications**: Telecommunication companies use DBMS to manage billing

- [x] In the banking sector, DBMS ensures secure transactions, manages customer data, and supports credit card payments.
- [x] Telecommunication companies rely on DBMS for managing billing systems, CRM, and maintaining call records.
- [ ] Airlines use DBMS primarily for managing aircraft maintenance schedules.
- [x] In educational institutes, DBMS helps in maintaining student records, managing course registrations, and processing payroll.
- [x] DBMS is used in healthcare to store patient medical history, prescriptions, and support telemedicine services.
- [ ] Manufacturing industries use DBMS solely for tracking raw materials and finished goods.

1.3.2. Applications of DBMS - Contd

7. **E-Commerce**: E-commerce platforms rely on DBMS to manage inventory, process transactions, handle customer data, and provide personalized shopping experiences through data analysis.

8. **Human Resources**: Companies employ database management systems for managing employee information, payroll, benefits administration, and performance evaluation data. They support recruitment processes and compliance with employment laws.

9. **Government**: Government agencies use DBMS for census management, tax processing, criminal records management, and social services programs. They are critical in policy-making through data analytics.

10. **Real Estate**: DBMS in real estate manage property listings, client databases, rental information, and sales transactions. They enable realtors to analyze market trends and maintain comprehensive records of properties.

11. **Retail**: Retailers use DBMS to track sales, customer purchases, inventory levels, and to manage supply chains. They support point-of-sale systems and customer loyalty programs.

12. **Transportation**: Transportation systems use DBMS for scheduling, route management, ticketing, and logistics. They are essential for the coordination of shipment and delivery services.

From managing finances to enhancing customer experiences, DBMS is indispensable for efficiency and reliability across industries. Its versatility makes it the backbone of modern data management.

Which of the following are valid applications of Database Management Systems (DBMS)

- [x] E-commerce platforms use DBMS to manage inventory, process transactions, and analyze customer data for personalized shopping experiences.
- [x] In human resources, DBMS supports employee payroll, benefits administration, and recruitment processes.
- [ ] Government agencies rely on DBMS solely for criminal records management and tax processing.
- [x] Real estate agencies use DBMS to track market trends, manage property listings, and handle client databases.
- [x] Retailers utilize DBMS for inventory tracking, sales management, and supply chain optimization.
- [x] In transportation, DBMS is critical for scheduling, logistics, and shipment tracking.

1.3.3. Select the correct answer 00:05

Which of the following industries is least likely to extensively rely on Database Management Systems (DBMS) for its operations?

- ◯ Banking and Finance
- ◯ Telecommunications
- ◯ Healthcare
- ◉ Personal Fitness Training

1.4.1. DBMS Architecture 00:07

Understanding DBMS Architecture

DBMS (Database Management System) architecture is crucial for how databases are structured and how users interact with them. It affects everything from the database's performance to how easy it is to manage and use. The architecture of a DBMS is like the blueprint of a building—it decides how the database is designed, how data is stored, and how users can access it.

Let us explore the different types of DBMS architectures and how they are applied in real-world situations.

What is DBMS Architecture?

Think of DBMS architecture as the plan for how a database is organized. Just like the design of a building determines how the rooms are arranged, DBMS architecture decides how the data is stored, processed, and accessed. It also defines how users and applications connect to the database. The design of the DBMS architecture plays a big role in how well the database performs under different demands.

DBMSs are typically organized into layers or levels, each with a specific job. While these layers may not be visible to the users or applications interacting with the database, they are essential for keeping the system running smoothly.

Different Types of DBMS Architecture

1-Tier Architecture

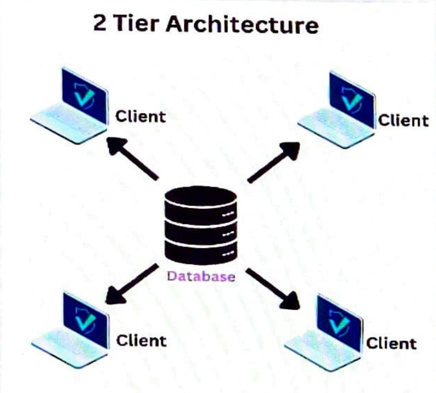
In a 1-Tier architecture, the database system is directly accessible by the user. There are no extra layers or network connections between the user and the database. Everything is on one machine.

- [x] The database, client, and server are all located on the same machine.
- [ ] It is highly scalable and suitable for enterprise-level applications.
- [ ] It provides robust security measures for multi-user access.
- [ ] It requires a network connection to function.

1.4.2. 2-Tier and 3-Tier Architecture 00:10

2-Tier Architecture

In a 2-Tier architecture, there are two layers: the client (user system) and the server (database). The client communicates directly with the database server without any middle layer.



Characteristics:

- **Client-Server Model:** A direct communication link between the client and server.
- **Improved Security:** The database is not exposed to users; access is controlled by the server.

Advantages:

- **Direct Access:** Faster since the client interacts directly with the database.
- **Cost-Effective:** Easier and cheaper to implement than multi-layer systems.

- [ ] A 2-tier architecture would be ideal because it offers faster direct access to patient records and simpler maintenance.
- [x] A 3-tier architecture would be more appropriate as it provides better security for sensitive medical data through the application layer's additional protection.
- [x] Using a 2-tier architecture would make it difficult to scale the system across multiple locations due to direct client-server connections.
- [x] The 3-tier architecture would allow for easier updates to the system's business logic without affecting the user interface at different clinic locations.

1.4.3. Three-Schema Architecture

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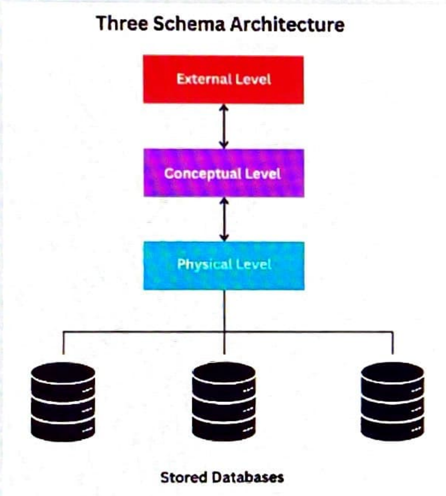
The Three-Schema Architecture (also known as ANSI/SPARC or three-level architecture) is designed to manage databases efficiently by separating the way users view data from how it's stored physically. This structure helps in offering customised views for users, maintaining data consistency, and allowing flexibility in database management.



Key Benefits:

- **Customised Views:** Different users can have their own personalised views of the same data.
- **Adaptability:** Changes in user data needs can be made without affecting the core data structure.
- **Abstraction:** Users don't need to worry about the complex details of data storage, like compression or encryption.
- **Data Consistency:** All users access the same accurate data, no matter how they view it

- [x] The primary objective is to allow multiple users personalized access to the same data while storing the underlying data only once.
- [x] It separates user views from the physical structure of the database.
- [x] Different users may require different views of the same data.
- [x] The conceptual schema defines the database structure at the logical level and describes data relationships.
- [ ] The internal level directly defines the logical relationships between data and uses the conceptual data model to determine how data is stored.

1.4.4. Select the correct answer 00:05

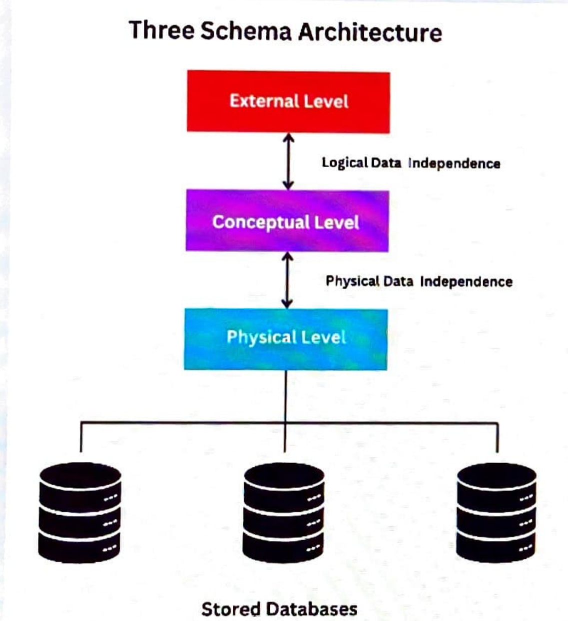
In the context of 2-Tier architecture, which of the following scenarios is MOST likely to experience performance degradation as the number of clients increases?

- ( ) A small company's employee attendance system with multiple employees accessing the system at the same time.
- (•) A large e-commerce website with thousands of concurrent users interacting with the application for product browsing and checkout.
- ( ) A single-user inventory management system used by a retail store to update stock levels.
- ( ) A standalone desktop application used by a graphic designer to store and manage design files locally.

1.5.1. Data Independence

Data Independence is a fundamental concept in database management systems (DBMS) that ensures the flexibility and robustness of a database system by allowing changes in the database schema at one level without impacting the schema at higher levels.

There are two types of data independence



1. **Physical Data Independence**: This type deals with the separation of physical storage details from the logical view. Changes in the physical storage structure, such as modifications to storage devices, file organization, or indexing techniques, do not affect the logical schema. This ensures that applications and users can continue using the database without modification, even if the physical storage structure changes.

- [ ] A company updates its storage devices and file organization methods, but users can still access the database as they did before, with no impact on how data is presented to them.
- [x] A database administrator adds new attributes to an existing table to meet business needs, but users' customized views of the data remain unaffected.
- [ ] An application needs to adjust to a new database structure because the physical storage has been optimized to improve performance.
- [ ] A database redesign requires all applications and users to update their queries because the data access methods have changed.

1.5.2. Relational Database Schema Vs Relational Database Instance

In relational databases, it's important to distinguish between a relational database schema and a relational database instance. These concepts are foundational in database management and support the idea of data independence.

Relational Database Schema

A relational database schema defines the high-level structure of a database. It acts as a blueprint, detailing how data will be organized and the types of data stored. Key aspects include:

- **Structure Definition**: Specifies tables, attributes (columns), and relationships between tables.
- **Constraints**: Includes rules for data integrity, such as primary keys, foreign keys, and unique constraints.
- **Data Types**: Defines the types of data for each attribute (e.g., integers, strings, dates).
- **Logical Design**: Focuses on how data is organized, independent of actual data values. It guides the creation of the database.

Relational Database Instance

A relational database instance represents the actual data stored in the database at a specific point in time. It acts as a snapshot, showing the records and values currently present. Key attributes include:

- **Data Records**: The actual records (tuples) stored in tables, representing the entities defined in the schema.
- **Current State**: Reflects the current data state, including inserted, updated, or deleted records.
- **Dynamic**: Unlike the static schema, the instance is dynamic, changing as data is modified.
- **Sample Data**: Shows real examples of data that follow the schema's structure and constraints

- [ ] A, A, A
- [ ] A, B, B
- [ ] B, A, B
- [x] A, B, A

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1.5.3. Select the correct answer 00:04

A company decides to upgrade its database system by making changes to the physical storage structure, such as altering file organization and indexing techniques, in order to improve performance. The company wants to ensure that these changes do not affect the logical schema or the applications that interact with the database. Which type of Data Independence is most relevant in this situation?

- (●) Physical Data Independence – Ensures that changes in the physical storage structure do not affect the logical schema.
- ( ) Logical Data Independence – Ensures that changes in the conceptual schema do not impact the external schemas.
- ( ) Physical Data Independence – Allows changes in the external schemas to occur without affecting the logical schema.
- ( ) Logical Data Independence – Prevents changes in the external schema from affecting the conceptual schema.

1.6.1. Database Schema

A **database schema** defines how data is structured and related within a database. It serves as a blueprint, detailing tables, fields, relationships, and constraints for efficient data management.

- **Physical Schema**: Specifies data storage on hardware.
- **Logical Schema**: Defines data structure and relationships abstractly.

Components of a Database Schema

1. **Tables**: Store data in rows and columns.
2. **Fields**: Columns representing specific data points.
3. **Primary Keys**: Unique identifiers for table rows.
4. **Foreign Keys**: Link tables by referencing primary keys.
5. **Constraints**: Ensure data integrity (e.g., NOT NULL, UNIQUE).
6. **Relationships**: Link tables (e.g., one-to-one, one-to-many).

Example: Library Management System

Let's consider a library management system to understand database schema with tables and relationships. A library manages books, borrowers, and transactions. The schema organizes this data efficiently.

Tables and Relationships

1. Books Table:

BookID (PK)	Title	Author	Genre	ISBN
1	The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Fiction	1234567890

- [ ] The Books table should have a BorrowerID column to link to borrowers.
- [x] The Transactions table acts as an intermediary table connecting Books and Borrowers.
- [ ] Each book can only have one transaction in the Transactions table.
- [ ] The Borrowers table includes the Return Date for borrowed books.
- [ ] The Transactions table is unnecessary because relationships can be directly established between Books and Borrowers.